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SUBJ: CALCOT DIRECTORS' TOUR

1. TOM W. SMITH, EXEC. VICE PRES., CALCOT, LTD., BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., INFORMED FAS THAT APPROX. 25 CALCOT DIRECTORS AND WIVES (APPROX. 50 PERSONS), ALL COTTON PRODUCERS FROM CALIF. AND ARIZ., WILL VISIT HUNGARY, ROMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND POLAND MAY 6-25, 1976. GROUP LEADER WILL PROBABLY BE TOM SMITH. SPECIFIC ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

5/6 AR BUDAPEST 1915 MA-611 ROYALE HOTEL

5/9 LV BUDAPEST 1455 RO-226
AR BUCHAREST 1740 ROROBANTI HOTEL
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5/12 LV BUCHAREST 1705 RO-213
AR VIENNA 1735 HOTEL SACHER OR IMPERIAL

5/15 LV VIENNA 2135 TRAIN
AR PRAGUE 1500 HOTEL ALCRON

5/18 LV PRAGUE 1325 OK-880

5/18 AR WARSAW 1430 EUROPEJSKI HOTEL

5/21 LV WARSAW MOTORCOACH
AR LODZ HOTEL GRAND

5/22 LV LODZ MOTORCOACH
AR WARSAW
LV WARSAW 1545 BE-805
AR LONDON 1615 MAYFAIR HOUSE

5/25 LV LONDON 1555 BA-599
AR LOS ANGELES

2. OBJECTIVE OF TRIP IS FOR FOLLOW-UP ON CONTACTS MADE BY CALCOT'S 1972 TRADE TEAM AND TO IMPROVE CALCOT'S RELATIONS WITH THE STATE TRADING COMPANIES IN HUNGARY, ROMANIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AND POLAND.

3. CALCOT IS ONE OF FOUR MAJOR U.S. COTTON COOPERATIVES (AMCOT) WHICH EXPORT COTTON. AG ATTS IN ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF GROUP AND PREPARE LIST OF PROSPECTIVE CONTACTS. AG ATTS SHOULD COOPERATE WITH EMBASSIES IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WITH STATE TRADING COMPANIES. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AG ATT'S SOCIAL FUNCTIONS--CALCOT WILL FULLY REIMBURSE FAS.

4. STEPHEN BOWKETT, AMCOT'S EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE STATIONED IN NORWAY, COORDINATING CALCOT'S ACTIVITIES WITH STATE TRADING COMPANIES. BOWKETT ADVISED TO CONTACT AG ATT'S AND APPROPRIATE EMB OFFICIALS IN ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR SCHEDULING BRIEFINGS, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, AND CONFIRMING, IF NECESSARY, HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE BY CALCOT.
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5. PLEASE ADVISE BY TOFAS IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE ON DATES INDICATED. FOR BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST: BOWKETT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH BOTH POSTS CONCERNING THE ROMANIAN PORTION OF THE TRIP. FOR BUDAPEST AND VIENNA: WASHINGTON AGENCIES RECOGNIZE BURDEN PLACED ON EMBASSY BUDAPEST'S ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL STAFF BY TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR ON PLASTICS PROCESSING MAY 11-13 AND U.S. PARTICIPATION IN BUDAPEST FAIR

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MAY 19-27. CAN AGATT VIENNA HANDLE BULK OF THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR BUDAPEST PORTION OF CALCOT VISIT? KISSINGER

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